## Potential grant writers from across Wyoming\*

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• One starting place in the search for a grant writer is with the Wyoming Economic Development Association (WEDA). WEDA's mission statement reads as follows "to provide leadership support and foster economic development in Wyoming." WEDA is a partner with the Wyoming Business Council, which promotes economic development efforts in the state. WEDA also partners with the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce Executives, the Wyoming Business Alliance, and the Wyoming Association of Municipalities. WEDA will assist with grant writing if the agency's work falls within the general mission and their area of expertise and geographic region.

The contact is:

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www.WyomingEDA.org

• The Natural Resources Conservation Service RC&D teams under the United States Department of Agriculture are another resource that might be of help. The RC&D program is the only federal program that, by statue, bridges natural resource conservation, local economic development and social well-being. It is a technical assistance program that may include grant funding research and writing for projects. There are five regions across with Wyoming.

The NRCS RC&D can be contacted at the following:

Big Horn Basin area: Eric Decker, 307-347-3946, <a href="mailto:eric.decker@wy.usda.gov">eric.decker@wy.usda.gov</a>
Northeastern Wyoming area: Aaron Waller, 307-684-2590, <a href="mailto:aaron.waller@wy.usda.gov">aaron.waller@wy.usda.gov</a>
Southeastern Wyoming area: Grant Stumbough, 307-322-2187, <a href="mailto:grant.stumbough@wy.usda.gov">grant.stumbough@wy.usda.gov</a>
Western Wyoming area: Maureen Meagher, 307-8869412, <a href="mailto:mailto:Maureen.meagher@wy.udsa.gov">Maureen.meagher@wy.udsa.gov</a>
Historic Trails (Central Wyoming): Shelly Anderson 307-261-5401, <a href="mailto:Shelly.Anderson@wy.usda.gov">Shelly.Anderson@wy.usda.gov</a>

• Faith Initiatives of Wyoming (FIW) works to develop, strengthen, and support awareness, understanding, and cooperation among faith-based organizations and to assist them in meeting the needs of their local communities and the people of the State of Wyoming. FIW works with and assists Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs), Grass roots and Community Organizations (CBOs), and Local and Regional Ministerial Associations through advancement and use of technology, fund development, best practices, training and technical assistance. Also FIW has regional representatives that will assist nonprofit agencies with grant writing even if they are not faith-based.

They can be contacted at: Faith Initiatives of Wyoming 307-514-4450 info@fiwy.org http://www.fiwy.org/ The Wyoming Rural Development Council (WRDC) is a collaborative partnership. The Council serves as a forum to address a full range of issues, opportunities and potential solutions in the rural communities of Wyoming. Each trained grant writer must provide 40 hours of free grant writing to other rural communities across the state for free. Call Mary Randolph for details at 307-777-6430 or email: mary.randolph@wybusiness.org.

Listed below are individual grant writers that may be able to help write a grant. All are experienced, but most work for another organization. Most of them have a specialty area and may not want to go out of that area or have time to write a private grant proposal.

- Sharon Kahin Experienced in writing federal grants, particularly for the arts. <a href="mailto:skahin@wyoming.com">skahin@wyoming.com</a>
- Paul Heimer Currently the executive director for the Albany, CO. Library Foundation, but experienced in grant writing for Wyoming nonprofits. 307-721-2580 work
- Sheela Schermetzler Employed at the Albany county court house, has statewide experience. 307-721-5550 work
- Linda Harp Operates as a private consultant in Big Horn County for LPH grant writing. 307-568-2929 – work
- Sandi Thomas Works for Community Development and Consulting in Lander. 307-349-2972
- Lisa Johnson Runs Compass Communication, does a lot of work with the Wyoming Community Foundation and is the primary coordinator for the Wyoming Association of Nonprofits Organization. 307-834-2293 work
- Jim Pederson Owner of Pedersen Planning and Consultants in Encampment. 307-327-5434 work
- Ann Tollefson Retired from Natrona County School District and has an expertise with humanities and education. 307-235-5247
- Tom Zimmerman Expertise in facilitating meetings with stakeholders and in writing grants. 307-473-2703
- Martha Buchanan Works for the Wyoming Department of Corrections and has experience in education and training grants. mbucha@wdoc.state.wy.us
- Steven Lieske Worked 16 years at the Wyoming Energy Council --a 501 (3) (c) and ended up the executive director. Along the way he learned to write, and administer, all sorts of grants. He now runs his own business. 307-745-8532 <a href="mailto:stevewyohhhc@yahoo.com">stevewyohhhc@yahoo.com</a>
- Kent Moss Works for the Fremont County Association of Governments. His areas of specialty include Wyoming Business Council, WCDA and WYDOT grants along with Community Service Block Grants but he also has experience in a number of other areas. <a href="mailto:kmoss@tribcsp.com">kmoss@tribcsp.com</a> is his personal e-mail and 307.856.9657 is the preferred phone number.

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